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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

W.P. (C) No. 3771 of 2007

Petitioner		Basant Kumar Yadav, Aged 52 years, S/o. Shri Chhedilal Yadav, R/o. Village-Mopka, P.S. Sarkanda, Tahsil & Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)
	Versus	
Respondents	1.	Dr. Tilakram Sahu, Aged 32 yrs, S/o. Late Shri Manrakhan Lal Sahu, Sarpanch, Gram Panchayat, Mopka, P.S. Sarkanda, Tahsil & Distt. Bilaspur
	2.	Sukhlal Jogi, Aged 54 years, S/o. Not Known, Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Mopka, P.S. Sarkanda, Tahsil & Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)
	3.	Shatrughan lal Bhatt, Aged 45 years, S/o. Bodhram Bhatt, Executive Officer, Gram Panchayat, Mopka, P.S. Sarkanda, Tahsil & Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)
	4.	Sukh Sagar Maravi, Aged 50 years, S/o. Not Known, Panchayat Inspector, Panchayat & Social Education Organisation, Janpad Panchayat Bilha, P.S. Hirri Mines, Tahsil & Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)
	5.	The Collector, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (C.G.)
	6.	The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bilaspur (C.G.)
	7.	The Food Officer, Collectorate Bilaspur (C.G.)

WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

SB: Hon'ble Mr. Justice **Satish K. Agnihotri**

Shri A. K. Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Shri Yashwat Singh Thakur, Govt. Advocate for the respondents No. 5 to 7.

ORDER

(Passed on this 3rd day of July, 2007)

1. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, who is resident of village- Mopka, Police Station – Sarkanda, Tahsil and District – Bilaspur claims to be living below the poverty line.

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2. Learned counsel further submits that the persons, who are rich, have also been recorded as persons living below the poverty line. The Government has got conducted an enquiry and in the enquiry report, submitted by the District Organizer, Janpad Panchayat, Bilha, it was found that the persons included in the list of the persons, living below the poverty line is not correct. Several irregularities have been committed in the list and for that Sarpanch alone is not responsible but all the Panchas of the Gram Panchayat are equally responsible.
3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner further submits that despite the report submitted by the District Organizer, the State Government has not taken any action for updating its records. The petitioner is a person below the poverty line, but he is being denied the benefits of his status on account of induction of the names of other persons, who are rich and influential.
4. Shri Yashwant Singh Thakur, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents No. 5, 6 and 7 submits that the State will take appropriate steps pursuant to the enquiry report, expeditiously, within a period of six weeks from today and update the list of the persons living below the poverty line, accordingly.
5. In view of the above, according to learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, nothing survives in this matter.
6. The petition stands disposed of, accordingly.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

Thakur